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Dear **[Key Informant]**:

As you may know, First Things First is involved in efforts to help improve services and resources available for young children ages five and under and their families in the State of Arizona.

Our local First Things First regional council, the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council, serves both Mohave and La Paz counties and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. We are currently conducting our 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Report to help identify priorities and opportunities to improve the early childhood system in La Paz and Mohave counties.

An important part of the assessment is input from key informants like you who are knowledgeable about the early childhood system in the region across various sectors – including education, health and family support.

We are partnering with the University of Arizona Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences to complete the report. Their team will be conducting telephone interviews to help us gather this information. We've provided them with a list of suggested contacts that includes you. They will be in contact with you in the near future to schedule an interview and I have copied them on this email.

For your convenience, I've also attached a copy of the questions we will be asking. In addition, our 2012 Regional Needs and Assets Report is available online at: http://www.azftf.gov/RPCCouncilPublicationsCenter/LaPaz_Mohave_Needs_and_Assets_Report_2012.pdf

If you have any questions or comments about this process, please contact our Regional Director Merritt Beckett at 928-854-8732 or mbeckett@azftf.gov.

We understand your time is extremely valuable and we would be grateful if you could please lend your expertise and insight to our efforts to improve the lives of young children and their families in the region.

We look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mongeau, Chair

LaPaz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council